

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

DAVID VANCE GARDNER and GARY  
MERCHANT individually and on behalf of  
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MeTV National Limited Partnership,

Defendant.

Case No.: 1:22-cv-05963

Honorable Lindsay C. Jenkins

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to the Court's June 2, 2025 minute entry (ECF No. 73), Plaintiffs David Vance Gardner and Gary Merchant ("Plaintiffs") and Defendant MeTV ("Defendant" or "MeTV") submit the following joint status report as to the progress of the mediation.

The Parties conducted a mediation with The Honorable Diane M. Welsh (Ret.) on September 10, 2025. At the mediation, the Parties made significant progress towards reaching a resolution of this matter. The Parties request that the Court extend the stay by 21 days to allow the Parties to continue their focus on resolving the matter.

Dated: September 23, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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